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**From:** Mikalsen, Mike  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 06, 2005 12:02 PM  
**To:** \*Legislative Assembly Democrats; \*Legislative Assembly Republicans; \*Legislative Senate Democrats; \*Legislative Senate Republicans  
**Subject:** Cosponsorship Request LRB-0241/3 - Manufactured Housing Conformity Bill - Deadline January 14, 2005

TO: Members of the Legislature

FROM: Representative Steve Nass  
Senator Carol Roessler  
Representative Amy Sue Vruwink  
Senator Julie Lassa

We are introducing companion bills to modernize Wisconsin law with regards to manufactured housing. These changes are also necessary to comply with the Manufactured Housing Improvement Act (MHIA) passed by the U.S. Congress in 2000. The compliance deadline for the new federal rules is December 27, 2005.

The manufactured housing industry was born in Wisconsin and remains an important source of jobs and affordable housing in this state. Wisconsin's factory-built housing industry produced over 4,000 homes last year. There are 190 retailers of factory-built housing in Wisconsin and 11 financial lenders that support customers of this industry.

LRB-0241/3, is similar to 2003 Assembly Bill 897 that passed the Assembly unanimously. A brief summary of the bill follows:

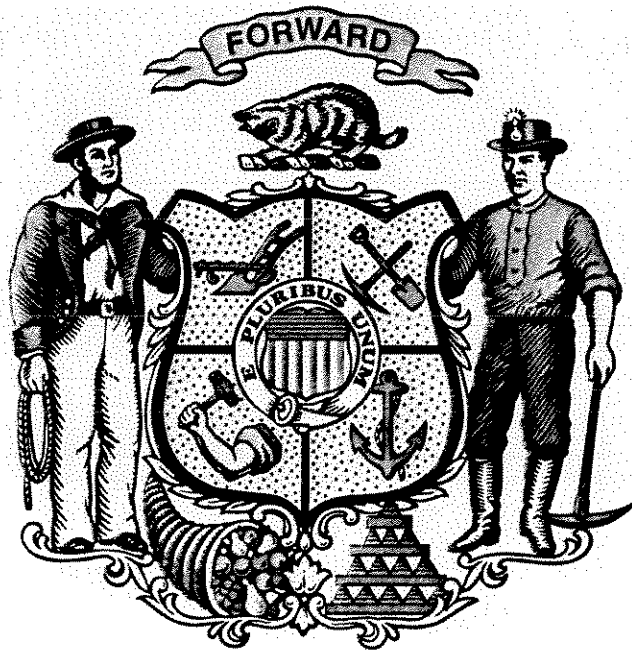
- Requires the Commerce Department to establish a licensing program for installers of manufactured homes.
- Requires the Commerce Department to establish administrative rules for the safe installation of manufactured homes.
- Requires the Commerce Department to establish fees by administrative rule to cover the costs of the installation licensing programs.
- Requires the Commerce Department to establish an old/abandoned "mobile" home recycling and rehabilitation program.
- Requires the creation of a Manufactured Home Council for purposes of advising the Commerce Department on the regulation of the industry.
- Removes the Commerce Department's titling requirement for a homeowner that permanently affixes a manufactured home to private property. The property is deed applicable as real property.

This legislation was drafted in consultation with the manufactured housing industry and with review by staff at the Department of Commerce. ***If you are interested in cosponsoring this legislation, please contact Rep. Steve Nass' Office by e-mail or calling 266-5715. The deadline for cosponsorship is Noon on Friday, January 14, 2005.*** Cosponsors will be added to both the Assembly and Senate companion bills.

A copy of the bill is attached below:



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TO: MEMBERS OF THE WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE  
FROM: WISCONSIN HOUSING ALLIANCE  
RE: LRB 241: "HUD CONFORMITY BILL"

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Historical Context for LRB 241:

- The U.S. Congress passed the Manufactured Housing Improvement Act (MHIA) of 2000.
- The MHIA and U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) requires states produce manufactured home installation standards and installer license rules by December 27, 2005.
- In the 2003-2004 legislative session, AB 897 conformed Wisconsin law to Federal Law.
- AB 897 unanimously passed the Assembly Housing Committee and Assembly, but unfortunately ran out of time for scheduling in the Senate.

Provisions of LRB 241:

- Requires Commerce establish a licensing program for installers of manufactured homes.
- Requires Commerce establish rules for the safe installation of manufactured homes.
- Requires Commerce establish fees by rule as program revenue to cover installation programs.
- Requires Commerce establish an old/abandoned "mobile" home recycling and rehabilitation program.
- Requires Commerce by rule establish an alternative dispute resolution program for problems that may arise between manufactures, salespersons, dealers and installers.
- Removes the Commerce titling requirement for a homeowner that permanently affixes a manufactured home to private property. The property is deed applicable as real property.
- Requires the establishment of a Manufactured Home Council for purposes of advising Commerce on the regulation of the manufactured housing industry.
- Changes all statutory references to manufactured home "park" to manufactured home "community".

Introduction of LRB 241:

- LRB 241 will be introduced immediately in January 2005 to allow for legislative and rule action by December 2005.
- Please contact the office of Representative Nass to sign onto the bill.



## FACT SHEET: WISCONSIN HOUSING ALLIANCE

### Factory-built Housing:

- Wisconsin's factory-built housing industry produced over 4,000 homes last year.
- The State of Wisconsin is the home for 12 manufacturers of factory-built homes.
- There are 190 retailers of factory-built homes in Wisconsin.
- There are 11 financial lenders that support customers of factory-built housing in Wisconsin.
- There are over 1,100 manufactured home parks in Wisconsin.
- The manufactured housing industry was born in Wisconsin and remains an important source of jobs and affordable housing in Wisconsin.

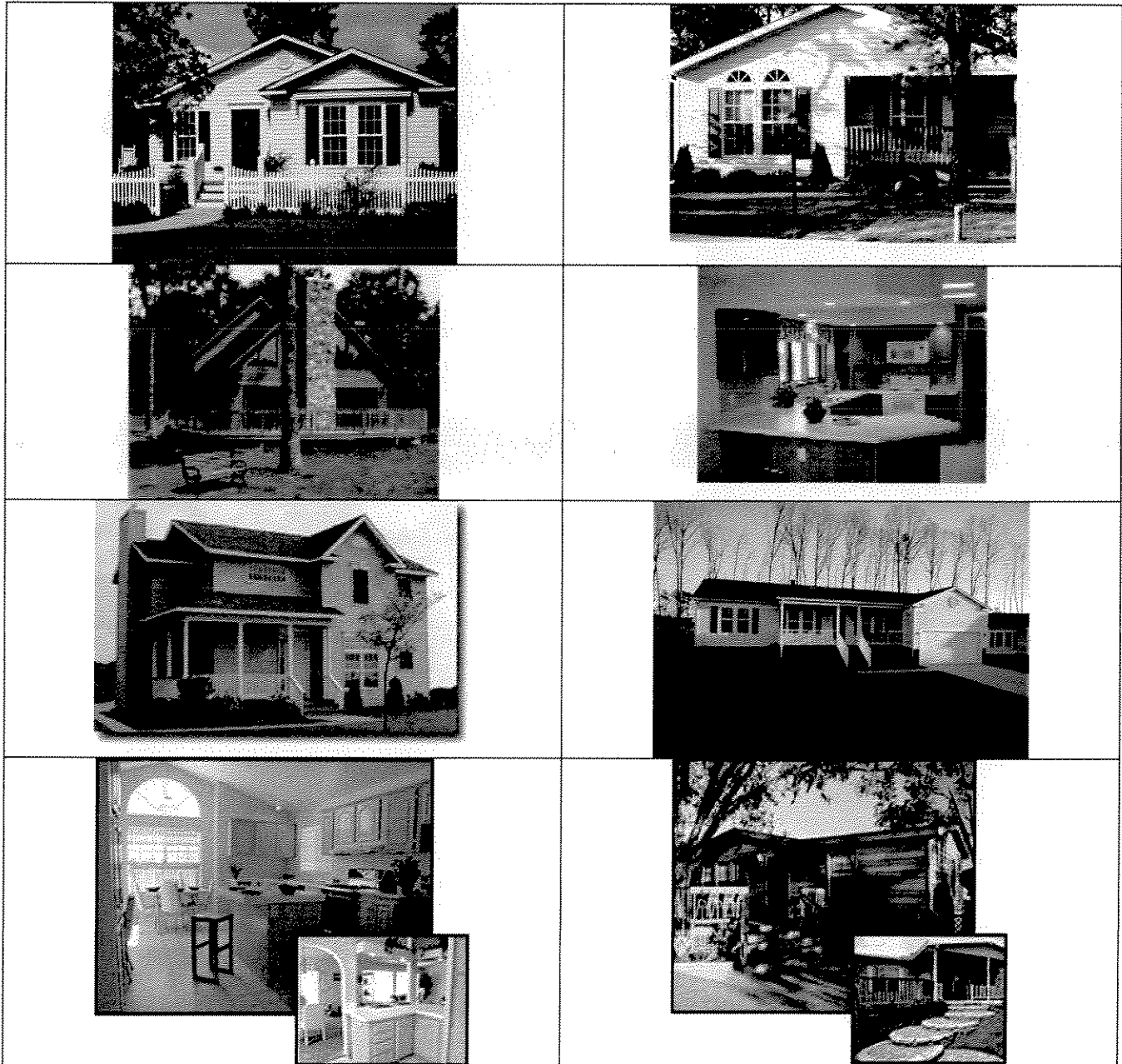
### Wisconsin Housing Alliance:

- The Wisconsin Housing Alliance, formerly known as the Wisconsin Manufactured Housing Association, has represented the factory-built housing industry since the association's inception in 1949.
- The Alliance represents over 450 entities (750 physical locations) related to factory-built housing manufacturers, retailers, suppliers, lenders and communities.
- The Alliance manages Tomorrow's Home Foundation, a grants-based opportunity to assist those Wisconsin families in the affordable housing market or need assistance to repair a home.
- The Alliance staff includes:
  - Ross Kinzler Executive Director
  - Amy Bliss Director of Tomorrow's Home Foundation
  - Julie Patten Director of Membership Services
  - Luke Rollins Director of Government Affairs
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# WISCONSIN HOUSING ALLIANCE

THE VOICE OF FACTORY-BUILT HOUSING

## FACTORY BUILT-HOUSING EXAMPLES





December 8, 2004

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The Honorable Steve Wieckert  
Representative of the 57<sup>th</sup> District  
Wisconsin State Assembly  
Madison, Wisconsin, 53708

Representative Wieckert:

The Wisconsin Housing Alliance and its 750 small business members would like to say congratulations on your re-appointment to Chair of the Housing Committee.

The Housing Committee and the Wisconsin State Assembly will be even stronger because of your leadership.

The Wisconsin Housing Alliance serves as the voice for all segments to the factory-built housing industry. We look forward to working with you over the next legislative session to pursue improved tax and regulatory practices that will make the factory-built housing industry and Wisconsin's overall business climate more competitive with other states.

The Alliance looks forward to working with you on legislation that will bring Wisconsin into compliance with new Federal rules governing the installation of HUD Code manufactured homes. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet with you for 15 minutes to brief you on this legislation. Please let me know a time that may work best for you.

Please contact me at 608-255-3131 or by e-mail at [Luke@housingalliance.us](mailto:Luke@housingalliance.us) with any questions. Congratulations on your re-appointment!

Best regards,

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